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Convention – Proposal

| **20.1.2.Rev 2**

Article 1
 Definitions

POSTAL OPERATIONS COUNCIL

Delete paragraph 1.1 and create new paragraphs 1.1bis to 1.1sexies as follows:

- 1.1 ~~parcel: item conveyed under the conditions of the Convention and the Parcel Post Regulations;~~
- 1.1bis letter-post item: item described in and conveyed under the conditions of the Universal Postal Convention and Regulations;
- 1.1ter parcel-post item: item described in and conveyed under the conditions of the Universal Postal Convention and Regulations;
- 1.1quater EMS item: item described in and conveyed under the conditions of the Universal Postal Convention, Regulations and associated EMS instruments;
- 1.1quinquies documents: a letter-post, parcel-post or EMS item consisting of any piece of written, drawn, printed or digital information, excluding objects of merchandise, whose physical specifications lie within the limits specified in the Regulations;
- 1.1sexies goods: a letter-post, parcel-post or EMS item consisting of any tangible and movable object other than money, including objects of merchandise, which does not fall under the definition of "document" as provided in § 1.1quinquies above and whose physical specifications lie within the limits specified in the Regulations;

Reasons. – The proposed first step in implementing the Integrated Product Plan (IPP; see Congress–Doc 39) includes classifying items (in 2018) as either "documents" or "goods". As neither of these terms is currently defined in the Convention, it was felt that the submission of the IPP to Congress would offer a timely opportunity to introduce definitions of "documents" and "goods" into the Convention.

In considering whether to propose these two new definitions, it was noted that two other important definitions were missing from article 1 of the Convention. This proposal therefore also suggests including definitions of "letter-post item" and "EMS" in the Convention, and proposes a modified version of the existing definition of "parcel".

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Article 16
Basic services

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Amend as follows:

1 (No change.)

2 Letter-post items, within the meaning of article 1.1.1bis, containing only documents are:

2.1 priority items and non-priority items, up to 2 kilogrammes;

2.2 letters, postcards, and printed papers ~~and small packets~~, up to 2 kilogrammes;

2.3 items for the blind, up to 7 kilogrammes;

2.4 special bags containing newspapers, periodicals, books and similar printed documentation for the same addressee at the same address called "M bags", up to 30 kilogrammes.

2bis Letter-post items, within the meaning of article 1.1.1bis, containing only goods are:

2bis.1 priority and non-priority small packets, up to 2 kilogrammes.

3 Letter-post items shall be classified on the basis ~~either of~~ both the speed of treatment of the items ~~or of~~ and the contents of the items in accordance with the Letter Post Regulations.

4 Within the classification systems referred to in 3, letter-post items may also be classified on the basis of their format as small letters (P), large letters (G), or bulky letters (E) or small packets (E). The size and weight limits are specified in the Letter Post Regulations.

5 (No change.)

6 Subject to paragraph 9, member countries shall also ensure that their designated operators accept, handle, convey and deliver ~~postal parcels~~ parcel-post items up to 20 kilogrammes, ~~either as laid down in the Convention, or, in the case of outward parcels and after bilateral agreement, by any other means which is more advantageous to their customers.~~

7 Weight limits higher than 20 kilogrammes apply optionally for certain parcel-post ~~categories~~ items under the conditions specified in the Parcel Post Regulations.

8 and 9 (No change.)

Reasons. – In connection with the implementation of step 1 of the Integrated Product Plan (Congress–Doc 39), this amendment aims to clarify the fact that certain letter-post items contain documents, while certain others (specifically small packets) contain goods.

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Article 16
Basic services

POSTAL OPERATIONS COUNCIL

Amend as follows:

1 (No change.)

2 Letter-post items containing documents only, as defined in article 1.1.1bis, are:

2.1 priority items and non-priority items, up to 2 kilogrammes;

2.2 letters, postcards, and printed papers and small packets, up to 2 kilogrammes;

2.3 items for the blind, up to 7 kilogrammes;

2.4 special bags containing newspapers, periodicals, books and similar printed documentation for the same addressee at the same address called "M bags", up to 30 kilogrammes.

2bis Letter-post items containing goods only, as defined in article 1.1.1bis, are:

2bis.1 priority and non-priority small packets, up to 2 kilogrammes.

3 Letter-post items shall be classified on the basis either of both the speed of treatment of the items ~~or of and~~ the contents of the items in accordance with the Letter Post Regulations.

3bis Within the classification systems referred to in 3, letter-post items may also be classified on the basis of their format as small letters (P), large letters (G) or bulky letters small packets (E). The size and weight limits are specified in the Letter Post Regulations.

4 Higher weight limits than those indicated in paragraph 2 apply optionally for certain letter-post item categories under the conditions specified in the Letter Post Regulations.

5 Subject to paragraph 8, member countries shall also ensure that their designated operators accept, handle, convey and deliver ~~postal parcels~~ parcel-post items up to 20 kilogrammes, ~~either as laid down in the Convention, or, in the case of outward parcels and after bilateral agreement, by any other means which is more advantageous to their customers.~~

6 Weight limits higher than 20 kilogrammes apply optionally for certain parcel-post categories items under the conditions specified in the Parcel Post Regulations.

| 7 and 8 (No change.)

Reasons. – In connection with the implementation of step 1 of the Integrated Product Plan (Congress-Doc 39), this amendment aims to clarify the fact that certain letter-post items contain documents, while certain others (specifically small packets) contain goods.

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Article 16
Basic services

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Paragraph 3bis. Amend as follows:

| 3bis Within the classification systems referred to in paragraph 3, letter-post items may also be classified on the basis of their format as small letters (P), large letters (G), or bulky letters (E) or small packets (E). The size and weight limits are specified in the Letter Post Regulations.

| **Reasons.** – Clarifying the fact that "small packets" are also classified as format E (see Congress–Doc 39).